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## CARNEGIE LIBRARY WANTED FOR DALLAS

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BUILDING THOUGHT NECESSARY TO KEEP PACE WITH CITY'S GROWTH.

### MAKE FORMAL APPLICATION

Amount of Original Request to Be Doubled—Ample Funds Available For Maintenance—Curfew Ordinance to Be Enforced After Tap of Bell at 8 O'Clock Each Night.

Dallas is to have a \$10,000 Carnegie public library building. In answer to the application of the city for a \$5000 building, the great steel manufacturer has suggested that the latter amount was too small for the growing needs of a town the size of this, and named \$7500 as better. At the meeting of the city council Monday night it was decided to accept the recommendation and increase the request to \$10,000, and the mayor and city auditor were instructed to make formal application for that amount. The Carnegie libraries are built by the city wherein they are located shall raise each year a fund for maintenance equal to ten per cent of the original cost of the building. A half-mill tax on the property in Dallas now produces about \$600 annually, and it is safe to say that with the increase in valuation, together with the amount raised by the tag-day sales, there will be no trouble in meeting the conditions requiring the ten per cent of maintenance.

**Enforce Curfew.**  
The curfew ordinance is to be enforced hereafter. The night officer has been directed to tap the firebell at 8 o'clock every night, and after that time every person under 18 years of age is supposed to be at home, unless in the care of a parent or guardian.

The ordinances calling for street improvements to be made next year, as heretofore announced in The Observer, and for the construction of a sewer on Oregon avenue, Ash street and Uglow avenue, were read the first time.

## PRELIMINARY LINE RUN

Falls City Lumber Company's Coast Route Party Returns From Field Work in Mountains.

The Falls City Lumber Company's surveying crew, under the leadership of Chief Engineer A. L. Porter, finished work Sunday noon on the preliminary route for the proposed railroad from Hinshaw's place down the Big Luckiamute to Simpson Station. Arthur Good, Ord Castle and Manfred Sears, of this city, who were members of the party of 13, returned to their homes here.

The work of locating the final survey began yesterday morning and will be carried on as rapidly as possible.

**Clean Streets With Hose.**  
FALLS CITY, Or., Nov. 21.—The city council has adopted a new method for cleaning the streets of mud and dirt which has collected on the macadam. The large three-inch fire hose with 200 pounds pressure is turned on the streets and all mud and filth swept away.

## HOP ACREAGE WILL BE INCREASED NEXT YEAR

PREDICTED THAT AREA OF OREGON YARDS WILL BE INCREASED MORE THAN ONE-THIRD.

### HIGH PRICES SPUR GROWERS

Present Planting Is 22,000 Acres, But Counting Proposed Addition, Fully 34,000 Acres Will Be In Crop During Coming Year, More Than Ever Before.

With the hop market now firmly established at 45c a pound and with prospects that 50c may be paid before the season is over, excitement in the local trade is the most intense ever known, says the Portland Journal. The acreage at the present time in the Willamette Valley is estimated at 22,000 acres. There will be an increase of 12,000 acres in the growth during the coming year, making the probable total acreage in hops next year 34,000 acres, or 2000 acres more than ever known before. A few years ago when hops reached 32c a pound here there were 32,000 acres in hops in the Willamette Valley. This was gradually cut until only about 20,000 acres remained.

**Increase Expected.**  
Growers are refusing offers for remaining supplies of hops and on all sides efforts are being made to increase the acreage. While it will take about two years for hops to produce, the increased planting is expected to influence next year's prices.

The sensation of the trade yesterday was the purchase of about 250 bales of hops in the St. Paul district by McNeff Bros. at 45c a pound. This cleaned up the entire district.

**Recent Sales.**  
The purchase by McNeff Bros. at the 45c mark Saturday brings to mind the contract made by the same firm on August 17 of 250 bales at the same price. At that time it was generally stated by the trade that the price was several cents above the actual market and was not paid, but the transaction proved to be bona fide and the judgment of the buyers was substantiated Saturday.

Besides the McNeff Bros.' purchase at 45c, Klaber, Wolf & Netter purchased about 225 bales from dealers at the same price and the Seavey Hop Company was the purchaser of several lots, supposed to be at the high mark.

### TO START NEW CAMPAIGN.

Marmion Lodge Knights of Pythias to Boost Membership.

Tentative plans were made at the regular meeting of Marmion lodge, K. of P. last night, to start a membership campaign, with the ultimate aim of adding to the membership roll with the 100 mark as the goal. There were a goodly number of members present and much enthusiasm was manifested. Several Knights now residents of the city, have signified their intention of becoming members of the Dallas lodge, and it is expected that things will be booming in Pythian circles from this time forward. The next regular meeting will be on Monday night and a full attendance is desired as plans for the campaign will be taken up.

William Pfeiffer, of Albany, was in the city yesterday, looking after his business property on Main street, between Mill and Oak. Many years ago Mr. Pfeiffer started the first cigar and tobacco store in Dallas.

## District Attorney Pelletier, Prosecutor In Richeson Case



Photo by American Press Association.

MASSACHUSETTS has before it the prospect of a murder trial equaling in gressome interest the famous Borden trial of a score of years ago. The Rev. Clarence Richeson, the young Cambridge clergyman accused of the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, at his approaching ordeal in Boston will have to endure the questioning of District Attorney Pelletier, who has a reputation for energy in the conduct of the state's cases and for gaining a large proportion of convictions. Richeson's relatives and friends assert their belief in his innocence, and the members of the church of which he is pastor have declined to accept his resignation.

## Guardsmen Will Meet in Dallas

WASHINGTON "U" IS WINNER

SLAUGHTERS OREGON ON GRID-IRON BY SCORE OF 29 TO 3.

By the overwhelming score of 29 to 3, the lemon and green of the Oregon State University was trailed in the cold, thick, dank mud of Multnomah Field at Portland last Saturday afternoon by the brawny athletes of the purple and gold from the University of Washington at Seattle. The matinee was witnessed by the largest crowd that ever paid to get inside the enclosure at a football game in the Pacific Northwest, something like 8,000 wildly excited fans being on hand.

Oregon was clearly outclassed by the invaders, who played rings around the Eugene boys and won as they willed. While the teams are evenly matched as to weight, the Northerners played like a well-oiled machine and showed the value of careful training and competent head work.

This makes the fourth successive time that the Washington U has won the distinction of football champions of the Northwest, and there are those who saw Saturday's game who declare that the record of their winnings would be considerably extended with more eleven's to meet.

Several fans from Dallas witnessed the game and all declare that, while it resulted disastrously to their hopes, still it was an exciting contest to watch.

OFFICERS TO ASSEMBLE HERE IN JANUARY.

The next annual convention of the Oregon National Guard Association will be held in this city about the middle of January. The session will last three days, and will convene in the new Armory, which will be formally opened at that time. The decision to select Dallas as the meeting place was made at a conference of the officers of the National Guard association held in Portland last Friday night, and was brought about as the result of active boosting on the part of Captain Walter L. Tooe, Jr., commanding Company H, of Dallas, and Secretary of the Dallas Commercial Club, who has been pulling for the convention for several weeks.

**Three Days' Session.**  
The convention will last three days, beginning January 15, and will be attended by about 60 officers of the state militia, and by army officers from Portland and Vancouver. Every commissioned officer of the Guard is entitled to a seat. Last year the session was held at Albany. During the convention the annual election of officers will be held and many matters of a routine character will be considered. Among other things, legislation looking to the betterment of the militia service will be discussed.

An effort will be made to draw the attention of Congress to the advisability of adopting the proposed militia pay bill. Under the measure to be urged, members of the various companies in this and other states would receive pay for their services. Company H, of this city, with its complement of about 70 enlisted men, would, according to the terms of the bill, receive annually \$6000, which would be paid in two installments each year.

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\* MONMOUTH CITIZENS EN MASSE DEDICATE HIGH SCHOOL \*  
\* Modern \$20,000 Building Erected by Public Spirited Taxpayers Independent of State. \*  
\* MONMOUTH, Or., Nov. 21.—The citizens of Monmouth turned out in large numbers Friday afternoon to dedicate the new public school building recently erected by the district at a cost of \$20,000. \*  
\* When the proposal to erect a new public school building in Monmouth was broached much opposition was encountered. It was maintained by some that since the state wished to use the children of the district in the normal training department the state should house and equip the school. In a measure this had been done in years previous, but those who headed the movement for new things insisted that the district should maintain its own school at its own expense, just the same as Dallas or Independence or Roseburg, or any other district in the state does, and that if the state wished to use the Monmouth schools for training work it could have the privilege, but must stand the expense of all extra cost made necessary by the normal school's demands. \*  
\* So at the present time the citizens of the Monmouth district have built a \$20,000 house, are equipping it with apparatus for a good public school, are paying their teachers salaries the average of those of three neighboring towns, all larger than Monmouth, pay their own janitor, own fuel, light and power bills—in fact, are educationally independent and ask nothing of the state. \*  
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## Young People of City Guests of Clubwomen

**Died in Salem.**  
John Osborn, for years a prominent resident of Greenwood, died at the Salem hospital last Saturday, of heart trouble, aged 81 years. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in Salem. He leaves a wife, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. James Huntley, at Greenwood, and many other relatives. Mrs. L. A. Dickinson, of this city, is a niece of Mr. Osborn.

At an adjourned session of the County Court held last Saturday, it was ordered that the sum of \$650 be allowed the Atlas Bridge Company on its contract for the steel bridge constructed at the cross roads in Spring Valley road district.

## JOLLY "GET ACQUAINTED" PARTY, ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBERS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Vocal Selections, Shadow Plays and Many and Varied Games of Amusement Furnish Pleasant Evening's Enjoyment at Beautiful Home of Mrs. George Gerlinger Friday Night

The first social event of the Young Women's section of the Woman's Club of Dallas, which was given at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger last Friday evening, in the form of a "get acquainted" party, was a complete success and reflected credit upon those whose thought and efforts made it so. No such numbers have ever attended any similar function in Dallas, and if, at the close, any one remained unacquainted, it was their own fault. The rooms were tastefully decorated with ivy and huge bouquets of chrysanthemums in white and yellow. The evening was spent in wholesome enjoyment and at 10:30 refreshments were served.

**Singing Enjoyed.**  
Miss Opal McDevitt pleased all by her singing and playing. Miss Pearl Owings won much favor for her singing.

The chief event of the evening was a delightful little shadow play entitled "The Ballad of Mary Jane," which furnished abundance of entertainment and mirth to the guests. It was enacted by Miss Roberta McCallon, Miss Gladys Canter and Miss Ruth Morrison.

The guests were received by Miss May Shelton and Mrs. George Gerlinger, assisted by Miss Roberta McCallon and Miss Cordia Goshorn. Refreshments were served by Miss Nola Coad, Miss Gladys Canter, Miss Ruth Morrison and Miss Hallie Coad.

## OREGON POWER COMPANY SENDS BOOKLETS EAST

Several hundred of the Dallas Commercial Club booster booklets are on their way to Chicago, Illinois, to the general office of H. M. Bylesby & Company, operators and managers of the Oregon Power Company's light and power plants in this county. They were sent by L. L. White, local manager of the company, for the purpose of acquainting the Eastern stockholders of the company with conditions and resources here, where their money is invested. From the office in Chicago the literature will be forwarded all over the middle and eastern portion of the country, and will be given wide distribution among men of commercial prominence.

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